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Dear Mayor Blum and Council Members,

This will inform you that I, Delfina Mott, am appealing the Planning Commission's March 20, 2008 decision to approve the proposed project to redevelop 1298 Coast Village Road (MST2004-0493), changing it from a gas station to a mixed-use building.

I live on Olive Mill Lane and am directly above but I am in direct sight line with the third floor of this building.

The approved project is too large for the site, it is not appropriate for the site and it is out of character with the development along Coast Village Road. This project will establish a bad precedent for future development along Coast Village Road, especially on the mountain side.

The staff report refers to this project as being "consistent with the surrounding neighborhood". The staff report does not address the fact that there are many residents (real people living in residential homes) living directly around this project. This is a residential community on three sides of this gas station who are being ignored and pushed aside.

I am one of these residential neighbors, 300 feet from this project and I will suffer a loss of privacy because people in portions of the new building will be staring directly into my home. There are other residents within the direct vicinity who will also be deprived of their privacy because people in portions of the new building will be staring directly down into their property.

Sincerely,


Delfina Mott

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